

REMARKS

Claims 90-121 are pending in the present case. Each of the Examiner's rejections is addressed below.

The present case is a continuation of U.S. Pat. No. 6,709,815. A copy of the FORM PTO-1449 from this parent case is enclosed herewith. Applicants request that the references on this form be printed with any application issuing from the present case.


I. Claims 90, 95-107, and 112-121 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,709,815. As this patent and the present application are co-owned by the present Applicants, Applicants herewith file a terminal disclaimer to overcome these rejections, and respectfully request that these rejections be removed.

II. Claims 91-94 and 108-111 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicants have addressed the sole basis for rejection of the base claims by the filing of a terminal disclaimer herewith. Removal of the obviousness-type double patent rejections renders these objections moot. Applicants respectfully request that these objections be removed.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections and objections should be removed and Applicants' claims should be passed to allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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